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Title: COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING BACTERIOPHAGES AND
METHOD OF USING BACTERIOPHAGES TO TREAT
INFECTIONS

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 5, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application, a response to which is due by the shortened statutory deadline of September 5, 2002.

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please replace claims 23, 33, and 47 with the following amended versions of the same claims. A marked-up version of the claims is attached.

23. (Twice Amended) A method of treating a mammal suffering from bacterial infection comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a composition comprising:

(a) a purified, host-specific, non-toxic, wide host-range, and virulent bacteriophage preparation, wherein:

(1) the bacteriophage preparation consists essentially of two or more bacteriophage strains, wherein each bacteriophage

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